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## INTELLIGENCE PRODUCERS COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: Chairman, Intelligence Producers Council

SUBJECT: Status of Current Production Enhancement  
Initiative Projects

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1. Action Requested: None. For your information.

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2. Background: The Intelligence Producers Council annually reviews the production enhancement initiatives in order to inform you of the status of the various projects.

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3. Staff Action: The IPC Staff requested from the program sponsors a status report and evaluation of each current project, approved for funding in fiscal years 1981 and 1982. Each project was then also evaluated by the appropriate production committee or by experts in another agency. Attachment A summarizes the projects, costs, and status of work through 30 September 1983. Attachment B contains the individual project reports with evaluations. Attachment C lists the approved FY 84 projects which were scheduled to start on 1 October 1983.

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The following is a brief summary assessment of the 12 production enhancement initiatives that were submitted for evaluation.

- a. Of the 14 FY 1981-82 projects authorized, two were still in progress as of 30 September 1983. Notably, the State/INR-sponsored analyst/scholar team program is productive with four INR assessments published from contractor research efforts covering two countries; another six-to-eight INR assessments are anticipated by the end of the program in 1984. The other FY 81-82 project, DIA's Qualitative Threat Overlay, had a late start and was originally planned to be a three-year program with sponsor-added funding.
- b. Of the 11 FY 1982-83 projects, one Navy project never received DCI funds and has been deleted as a production enhancement initiative, one (Air Force Guidance Calibration study) was scheduled for completion on 30 October 1983, and nine are still in progress with completion dates at various times in 1984 (or later).

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- c. Seven on-going projects will receive or have received added funding from non-DCI sources. Program managers plan to integrate seven projects into regularly funded programs.
  - d. Four projects could not be evaluated for real or potential benefit because of insufficient progress, the uncertainty of success in meeting objectives, or because additional time is required to assess the project output.
  - e. The remaining active projects appear to have a real or expected benefit to the Community, if only indirectly in some cases. A persistent concern among evaluators is that the product of these efforts may not be readily available to all members of the Community. [REDACTED]

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4. Staff Position: We think the production enhancement program should continue as currently structured in order to provide an alternate path and additional stimulus for pursuing new ideas. In focusing on future projects, we believe that program managers should be sensitive to the DCI's most important objectives (which will be identified explicitly in future program calls) while seeking out exotic areas for exploration. Future projects should adhere to the intent of the production enhancement program with special attention to the potential for benefits to the Community at large. [REDACTED]

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